

19 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Seamab School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Staff have established a caring school culture. They have positive relationships with children and young people. Children and young people feel they are valued and they enjoy coming to school.
- Children and young people participate well in outdoor activities where they learn new skills, develop their confidence and useful ways to approach challenges.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the Chief Executive, the headteacher and representatives from the Board of Trustees.

- Staff need to ensure that all children and young people receive their full entitlement to a broad general education, in line with national guidance.
- Staff need to improve the quality of learning and teaching through planning that increases engagement and builds on what children and young people already know.
- Staff need to improve children's and young people's progress and attainment in literacy, numeracy and across other curriculum areas.
- Staff should improve how they evidence and recognise children and young people's achievements. In doing so, they should support children and young people to understand the skills they are developing through all of their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Seamab School

Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within three months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector